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Re: RB5 Draft Permit

To whom it may concern:

My first concern is dairy farmers will not understand the permit.

Secondly, I am very disappointed RB5 did not acknowledge previous and ongoing activities of **California Dairy Quality Assurance Programs** environmental stewardship module. This module provides education for many of the requirements listed in the draft permit.

Over 1000 dairymen throughout the state have attended the education workshops helping them with developing and implementing important documents to manage manure. As a dairy farmer I attended the classes to get a better understanding of my current practices and how I could improve the collection and handling of the nutrients produced on our dairy.

Currently there are over 200 dairies certified in the environmental stewardship module. To ignore this pro-active industry educational program sends the wrong message to those who have voluntarily given their time to participate in education, planning and documentation to be better stewards of their dairies.

If the goal of this permit is to clean and protect California's water supply, a program such as **CDQAP** should be included not ignored.

Sincerely,



Ann Silva